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Working Together Saves Resources

ADIN -- Folks in the Big Valley area have noticed a new change at the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Maintenance Yard in Adin. Gone is the old faded sign that identified the Yard and in its place is a vibrant new sign that catches your attention. This sign was the result of a joint venture between the California Department of Forestry (CDF), the United States Forest Service (USFS) and the Devil's Garden Conservation Camp.

In early February of 2004, a winter storm blew several large pine trees down across State Route 299 on the north side of Adin Pass. Caltrans staff quickly cleared the road, but the broken trees remained on the right-of-way covered with snow. A Fire Captain from the CDF Conservation Camp noticed the downed trees while driving to work and realized the logs could be used in the sign shop to help offset the cost of sign fabrication.

Steve Best, Caltrans Maintenance Supervisor in Adin, obtained a USFS wood permit and the logs were removed and transported to Devil's Garden Camp. Caltrans offered assistance in return for a new sign for the Maintenance Yard. The sign was installed in August.

This project benefited all agencies involved. The extra wood taken from the site will be used to make additional signs for state and local government agencies and will reduce the amount that has to be charged for materials. The Caltrans Maintenance Station in Adin now has a new sign that is easy to read and is a source of pride for the staff.

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